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STRATEGY FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission have prepared a new strategy for the poverty alleviation programmes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) & (b) : The Government has adopted a three pronged strategy for reducing poverty
(i) acceleration of economic growth with a focus on sectors which are employment intensive;
(ii) human and social development through basic minimum services; and
(iii) targeted anti poverty programmes. The specifically designed anti poverty programmes for generation of both self employment and wage employment in rural areas have been redesigned and restructured in 1999-2000 in order to enhance their efficacy/impact on the poor. The Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) wasrestructured as the single wage employment programme and the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana(JGSY) andSwarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) werelaunched for creation of village infrastructure and provision of self employment opportunities respectively. In addition the Food for Work Programme has recently been launched in February 2001 in drought affected districts. In urban areas the rationalized urban poverty alleviation programme Swarn Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana(SJSRY) was launched inDecember 1997 to provide gainful employment to urban unemployed or under employed poor. A new initiative in the form of Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) was launched in 2000-01 envisaging provision of Additional Central Assistance to States and UTs for selected basic minimum services viz primary health, primary education, rural shelter, rural drinking water and nutrition. An additional component, Rural Electrification has also been added from 2001-02 in pursuance of the Union Finance Minister's Budget Speech for the year 2001-02.